# SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION 2021 ROSTER

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#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

#### **2021 RULES**

- 1. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with Senate Rule [1-5-1].
- 2. The quorum for the Transportation Committee shall be five (5) members.
- 3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
- 4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon order of the Chairman.
- 5. The Chairman shall determine which bills, amendments, and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which measures are considered.
- 6. The Chairman shall have sole authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee. All actions of any subcommittee shall be approved or disapproved by the standing Committee.
- 7. Substitutes and amendments shall be provided to the Chairman in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing. The Chairman reserves the right to delay or decline action on any substitute or amendment.
- 8. The Secretary of the Committee will have a copy of these rules distributed to all members of the Senate.
- 9. The recording of the minutes of the Committee and the Subcommittee shall comply with Senate Rule [2-1-7(d)].
- 10. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee rules.
- 11. Bills and resolutions, at the option of the Chairman, may be acted on at the first reading.
- 12. All resolutions dedicating a road facility shall be handled in accordance with the Senate Transportation Committee Policies and Procedures (approved by the Chairman).

## Minutes of the Senate Committee on Transportation Tuesday, February 4th, 2021

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Tuesday, February 4th, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)

Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary, Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. David Lucas (26th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), and Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee Rules**

The Chair presented the Rules to the Committee

The Chair opened the floor to debate and amendment

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion to amend the Rules, Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the adopted Rules is attached.

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

## Minutes of the Senate Committee on Transportation Thursday, February 18th, 2021

The Joint Committee on Transportation met on Thursday, February 18th, 2021 at 2:15 p.m. in Room 506 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)

Sen. David Lucas (26th)

Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (Arrived Late)

**NOTE**: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Valencia Seay (34th), and Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) and Chairman Rick Jasperse (11th) called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

#### **Presentation: Georgia Department of Transportation**

The Chairs recognized Russell McMurray, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, to give the Presentation.

The Chairs recognized Jannine Miller, Division of Planning for the Georgia Department of Transportation, to continue the Presentation.

**NOTE**: Sen. Miller (49th) arrived at 2:31 p.m. **NOTE**: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 2:38 p.m.

Chairman Ginn (47th) and Chairman Jasperse (11th) adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Committee on Transportation Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 at 4:45 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)

Sen. Burt Jones (25th)

Sen. David Lucas (26th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE**: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Valencia Seay (34th), and Sen. Lindsey Tippins were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

<u>SB 118</u> (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 39 2757) Permits for Vehicles; issuance of an annual forest product permit for certain vehicles and loads exceeding weight and dimension maximums; provide.

The Chair stated that SB 119 would be hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Harper (7th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Andreas Villegas, Georgia Forestry Association

Joseph Conrad, University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Meg Pirkle, Georgia Department of Transportation Donn Digamon, Georgia Department of Transportation Jeremy Vickery, Department of Public Safety MCCD Kathleen Bowen, Association

**NOTE**: Sen. Lucas (26th) arrived at 5:16 p.m.

**NOTE**: Sen. Gooch (31st) left the room at 5:19 p.m.

NOTE Sen. Miller (49th) arrived at 5:20 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) returned at 5:24 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) left at 5:26 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Lucas (26th) left at 5:30 p.m.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 119 (LC 39 2757) No action was taken.

<u>SB 98</u> (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 2786) Georgia Freight Railroad Program; eligible expenditures; procedures, conditions, and limitations for public and private financing of projects; provide

The Chair stated that SB 98 would be hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Beach (21st) presented the bill to the Committee.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 98 (LC 39 2786) No action was taken.

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Committee on Transportation Thursday, February 25th, 2021

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Thursday, February 25th, 2021 at 2:15 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)

Sen. Burt Jones (25th)

Sen. David Lucas (26th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Arrived Late)

**NOTE**: Sen. Ben Watson (1st) was not in attendance.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

SR 39 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 39 2801) Charlotte Nash Intersection; Gwinnett County; dedicate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dixon (45th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Dixon (45th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

**NOTE**: Sen. Miller (49th) and Sen. Seay (34th) arrived at 2:20 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SR 39 Do Pass (LC 39 2801).** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**NOTE**: Sen. Lucas (26th) arrived at 2:23 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SR 39 Do Pass (LC 39 2801)

SB 203 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 39 2908) Motor Vehicles; use of mounts on windshields for support of wireless telecommunications devices and stand-alone electronic devices; allow

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE**: Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at 2:28 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill: Ed Crowell, Georgia Motor Trucking Association Lee Mickus, Ford

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Dan Snipes, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association

**NOTE**: Sen. Tippins (37th) left at 2:33 p.m.

**NOTE**: Sen. Tippins (37th) returned at 2:34 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 2:38 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (25th) left at 2:44 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) returned at 2:46 p.m.

**NOTE**: Sen. Jones (25th) returned at 2:53 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion that **SB 203 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 39 2942S**). Sen. Dixon (45th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-3.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Dixon (45th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Jones (25th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Tippins (37th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Lucas (26th), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 203 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2942S)

# <u>SB 165</u> (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 39 2937S) Motor Vehicles; autonomous vehicles from certain vehicle equipment requirements; exempt

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **SB 165 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 39 2937S**). Sen. Dixon (45th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Dixon (45th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Jones (25th), Sen. Lucas (26th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Tippins (37th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

## Committee Recommendation: SB 165 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2937S)

 $\underline{\text{SR }102}$  (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 39 2848) Georgia Commission on E-Commerce and Freight Infrastructure Funding; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion that **SR 102 Do Pass** (**LC 39 2848**). Sen. Dixon (45th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Committee Recommendation: SR 102 DO PASS (LC 39 2848)

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

## Minutes on the Senate Committee on Transportation Tuesday, March 3, 2021

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Vice-Chairman (Arrived Late)

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)

Sen. Burt Jones (25th)

Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

**NOTE**: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Sen. David Lucas (26th), Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), and Sen. Ben Watson (1st) were not in attendance.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

<u>SB</u> <u>98</u> (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 2786) Georgia Freight Railroad Program; eligible expenditures; procedures, conditions, and limitations for public and private financing of projects; provide.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Beach (21st) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE**: Sen. Miller (49th) and Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 10:10 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones (25th) who made a motion that **SB 98 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 39 2983S**). Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

## Committee Recommendation: SB 98 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2983S)

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

## Minutes on the Senate Committee on Transportation Tuesday, March 9th, 2021

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)

Sen. Burt Jones (25th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. David Lucas (26th)

Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), and Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) were not in attendance.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) and Sen. Jones (25th) arrived at 5:33 p.m.

<u>HB 174</u> (Rep. Wiedower, 119th, LC 39 2806) Motor vehicles; federal regulations regarding safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; update reference date

The Chair recognized Rep. Wiedower (119th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Wiedower (119th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 174 Do Pass (LC 39 2806).** Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 174 DO PASS (LC 39 2806)

<u>HB 210</u> (Rep. Corbett, 174th, LC 39 2844S) Motor vehicles; recording of odometer readings upon certificates of title; exempt certain vehicles.

The Chair recognized Rep. John Corbett (174th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Corbett (174th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 210 Do Pass (LC 39 2844S).** Sen. Miller (49<sup>th</sup>) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 210 DO PASS (LC 39 2844S)

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

#### Minutes of the Senate Committee on Transportation

## Thursday, March 18, 2021

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 2:15 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Vice-Chairman (Arrived Late)

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)

Sen. Burt Jones (25th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. David Lucas (26th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Arrived Late)

**NOTE**: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) and Sen. Butch Miller (49th) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

<u>HB 165</u> (Rep. Barr, 103rd, LC 39 2775) Motor vehicles; use of mounts on windshields for the support of wireless telecommunications devices and stand-alone electronic devices under certain circumstances; allow

The Chair recognized Rep. Tim Barr (103rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Barr (103rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE**: Sen. Jones (25th) arrived at 2:16 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 165 Do Pass** (**LC 39 2775**). Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 165 DO PASS (LC 39 2775)

HR 119 (Rep. Ralston, 7th, LC 39 2840) Recognizing United States Senator Johnny Isakson and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones (25th) who made a motion that **HR 119 Do Pass (LC 39 2840).** Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Committee Recommendation: HR 119 DO PASS (LC 39 2840)

HR 282 (Rep. Gunter, 8th, LC 39 2973) Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Sydnie Grace Jones and dedicating an intersection in her memory; and for other purposes.

The Chair recognized Sen. Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the resolution to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at 2:19 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 2:20 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Lucas (26th) arrived at 2:20 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dixon (45th) who made a motion that **HR 282 Do Pass (LC 39 2840).** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Committee Recommendation: HR 282 DO PASS (LC 39 2840)

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Committee on Transportation Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Vice-Chairman (Arrived Late)

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)

Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. David Lucas (26th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), and Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) were not in attendance.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

**NOTE**: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 4:51 p.m.

HR 144 (Rep. Williams, 145th, LC 39 2974S) Katie Poff Memorial Interchange; Baldwin County; dedicate.

The Chair recognized Jenna Dolde, from Legislative Counsel, for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Jenna Dolde presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor to debate and amendments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion that **HR 144 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HR 144 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3057S)

<u>HB 577</u> (Rep. Carpenter, 4th, LC 39 2923) Highways, bridges, and ferries; proposal guaranty for bids upon certain projects; provide.

The Chair recognized Rep. Kasey Carpenter (4th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Carpenter (4th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **HB 577 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. Dixon (45th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# Committee Recommendation: HB 577 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3064S)

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Committee on Transportation Thursday, August 5th, 2021

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Thursday, August 5th, 2021 at 10:00a.m. in Room 341 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Vice Chairman

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary

Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)

Sen. David Lucas (26th)

Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), and Sen. Ben Watson (1st) were absent

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

The Chair opened the Floor to discussion of the new proposed rules from the Georgia Department of Transportation. The Chair indicated that this would be a hearing only.

## **Presentation: Georgia Department of Transportation**

The Chair recognized Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer at the Georgia Department of Transportation, to give the presentation.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Rules:

Meg Pirkle, Georgia Department of Transportation Patrick Allen, Georgia Department of Transportation Russell McMurray, Georgia Department of Transportation

*Testimony in opposition to the Rules:* 

Terri Lyndall, Chickamauga Public Service and Ringgold Telephone Companies Charlotte Davis, Georgia Municipal Association Kyle Williamson, Fiber Network Alliance Brian Thompson, Fiber Network Alliance Carla French, Fiber Network Alliance Hunter Hopkins, Georgia Cable Association

**NOTE:** Sen. Seay (34th) arrived at 10:47 a.m.

(No further action was taken on the proposed rules)

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Secretary